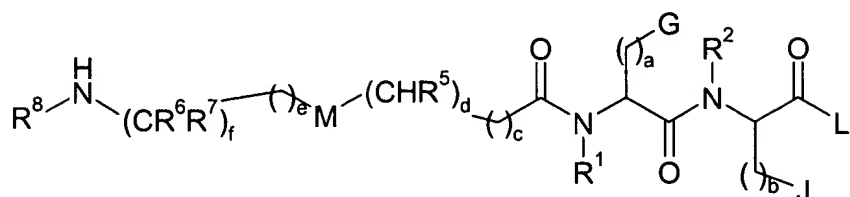


AMENDMENT

In the claims:

CLAIM LISTING

1. (Currently amended) A compound of formula I



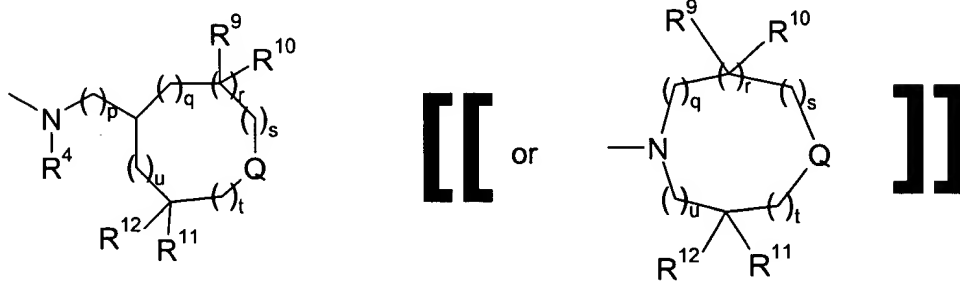
formula I

wherein

R¹ is hydrogen or C₁₋₆-alkyl;

R² is hydrogen or C₁₋₆-alkyl;

L is



wherein R⁴ is hydrogen or C₁₋₆ alkyl;

p is 0 or 1;

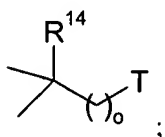
q, s, t, u are independently from each other 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

r is ~~0 or~~ 1;

the sum $q + r + s + t + u$ is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4;

R^9 , R^{10} , R^{11} , and R^{12} are independently from each other hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl;

Q is $>N-R^{13}$ or



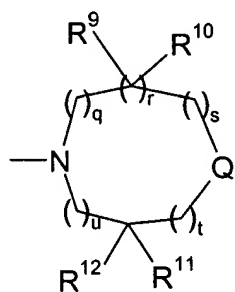
wherein o is 0, 1 or 2;

T is $-N(R^{15})(R^{16})$ or hydroxyl;

R^{13} , R^{15} , and R^{16} are independently from each other hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl;

R^{14} is hydrogen, aryl or hetaryl;

or L is



p is 0 or 1;

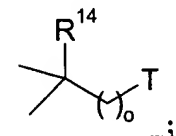
q, s, t, u are independently from each other 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

r is 0 or 1;

the sum $q + r + s + t + u$ is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4;

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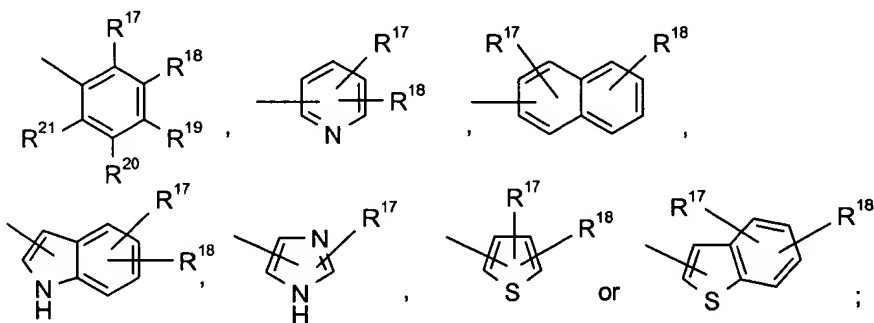
wherein o is 0, 1 or 2;

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R^{13} , R^{15} , and R^{16} are independently from each other hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl;

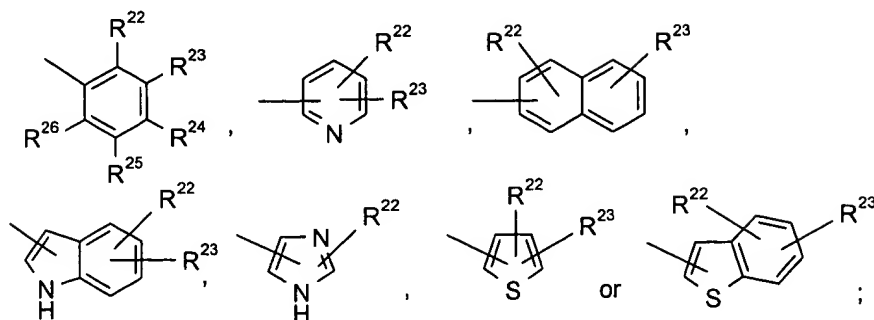
R^{14} is hydrogen, aryl or hetaryl;

G is $-O-(CH_2)_k-R^{17}$,



wherein R^{17} , R^{18} , R^{19} , R^{20} and R^{21} independently from each other are hydrogen, halogen, aryl, hetaryl,
 C_{1-6} -alkyl or C_{1-6} -alkoxy;
 k is 0, 1 or 2;

J is $-O-(CH_2)_l-R^{22}$,



wherein R^{22} , R^{23} , R^{24} , R^{25} and R^{26} independently from each other are hydrogen, halogen, aryl, hetaryl, C_{1-6} -alkyl or C_{1-6} -alkoxy;

l is 0, 1 or 2;

a is 0, 1, or 2;

b is 0, 1, or 2;

c is 0, 1, or 2;

d is 0 or 1;

e is 0, 1, 2, or 3;

f is 0 or 1;

R^5 is hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl optionally substituted with one or more hydroxyl, aryl or hetaryl;

R^6 and R^7 are independently from each other hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl, optionally substituted with one or more halogen, amino, hydroxyl, aryl, or hetaryl;

R^8 is hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl, optionally substituted with one or more halogen, amino, hydroxyl, aryl, or hetaryl;

R^6 and R^7 or R^6 and R^8 or R^7 and R^8 may optionally form $-(CH_2)_i-U-(CH_2)_j-$, wherein i and j independently from each other are 1, 2 or 3 and U is -O-, -S-, or a valence bond;

M is arylene, hetarylene, -O-, -S- or $-\text{CR}^{27}=\text{CR}^{28}-$;

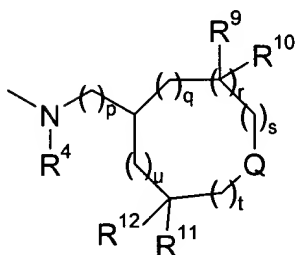
R^{27} and R^{28} are independently from each other hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl, optionally substituted with one or more aryl or hetaryl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. (Original) The compound of claim 1 wherein R^1 is C_{1-6} -alkyl.

3. (Original) The compound of claim 1 wherein R^2 is C_{1-6} -alkyl.

4. (Currently amended) The compound of claim 1 wherein L is



wherein R^4 is hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl;

p is 0 or 1;

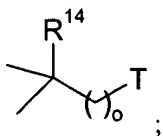
q, s, t, u are independently from each other 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

r is ~~0~~ or 1;

the sum $q + r + s + t + u$ is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4;

R^9 , R^{10} , R^{11} , and R^{12} are independently from each other hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl;

Q is $>\text{N-R}^{13}$ or



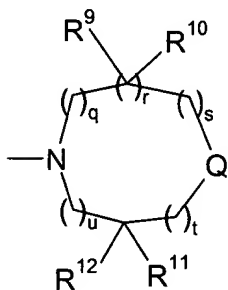
wherein o is 0, 1 or 2;

T is $-\text{N}(\text{R}^{15})(\text{R}^{16})$ or hydroxyl;

R^{13} , R^{15} , and R^{16} are independently from each other hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl; and

R^{14} is hydrogen, aryl or hetaryl.

5. (Original) The compound of claim 1 wherein L is



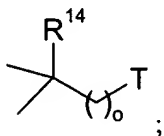
wherein q, s, t, u are independently from each other 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

r is 0 or 1;

the sum $q + r + s + t + u$ is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4;

R^9 , R^{10} , R^{11} , and R^{12} are independently from each other hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl;

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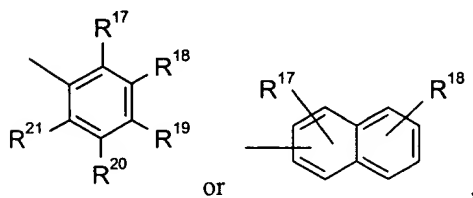
wherein o is 0, 1 or 2;

T is -N(R¹⁵)(R¹⁶) or hydroxyl;

R¹³, R¹⁵, and R¹⁶ are independently from each other hydrogen or C₁₋₆ alkyl; and

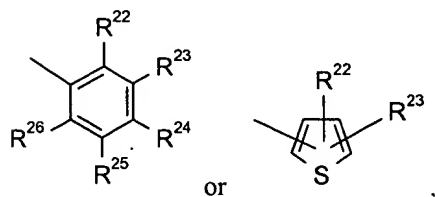
R¹⁴ is hydrogen, aryl or hetaryl.

6. (Original) The compound of claim 1 wherein G is



wherein R¹⁷, R¹⁸, R¹⁹, R²⁰ and R²¹ independently from each other are hydrogen, halogen, aryl, hetaryl, C₁₋₆-alkyl or C₁₋₆-alkoxy.

7. (Original) The compound of claim 1 wherein J is



wherein R²², R²³, R²⁴, R²⁵ and R²⁶ independently are hydrogen, halogen, aryl, hetaryl, C₁₋₆-alkyl or C₁₋₆-alkoxy.

8. (Original) The compound of claim 1 wherein M is arylene or $-CR^{27}=CR^{28}-$, wherein R^{27} and R^{28} independently are hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl, optionally substituted with aryl or hetaryl.

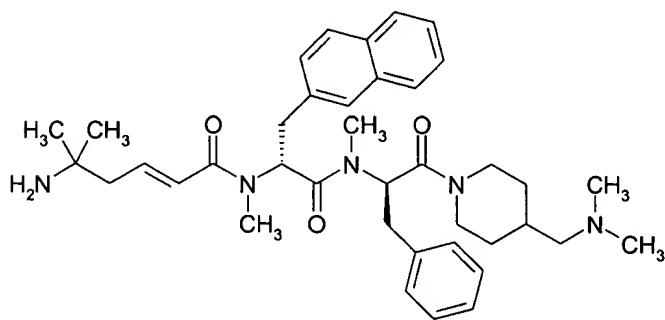
9. (Original) The compound of claim 1 wherein R^6 and R^7 independently from each other are hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl.

10. (Original) The compound of claim 1 wherein R^6 and R^7 form $-(CH_2)_i-U-(CH_2)_j-$, wherein i and j independently from each other are 1, 2 or 3 and U is $-O-$, $-S-$, or a valence bond.

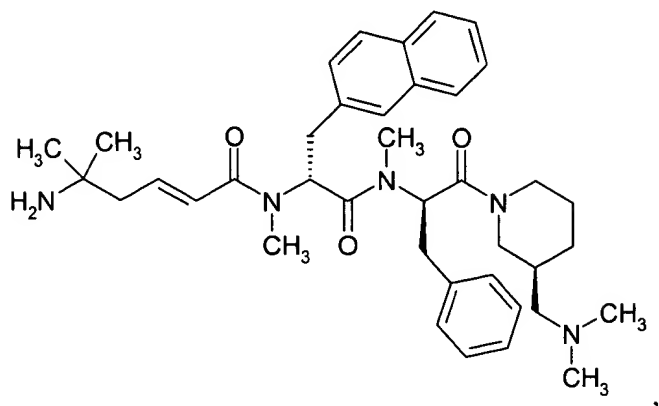
11. (Original) The compound of claim 1 wherein R^8 is hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl.

12. (Currently amended) The compound of claim 1 selected from

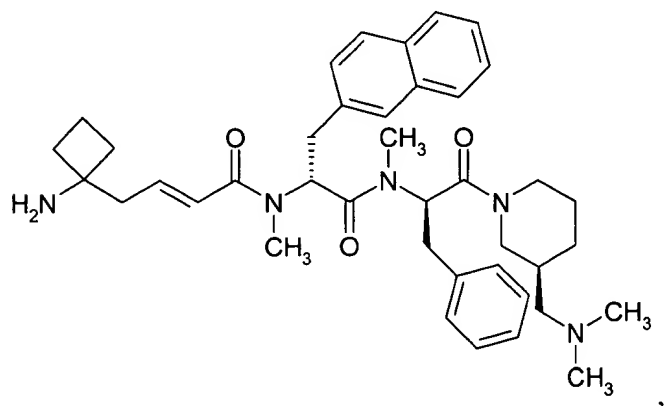
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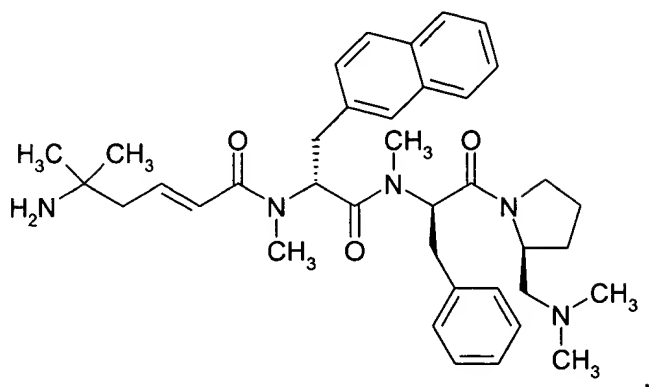
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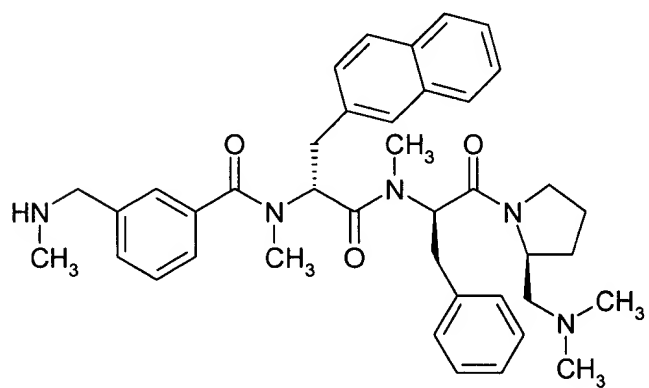
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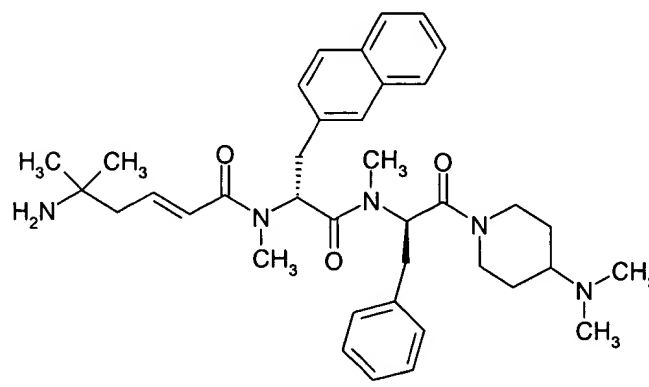
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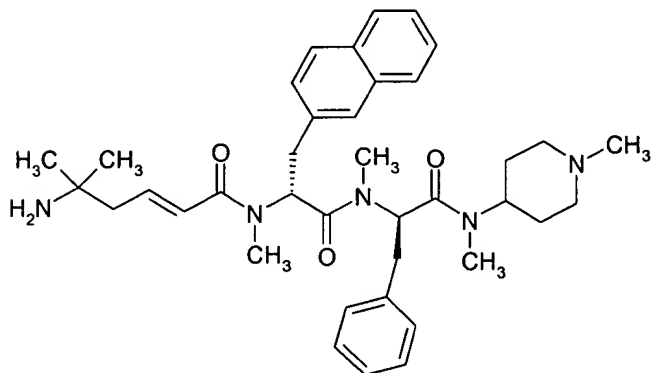
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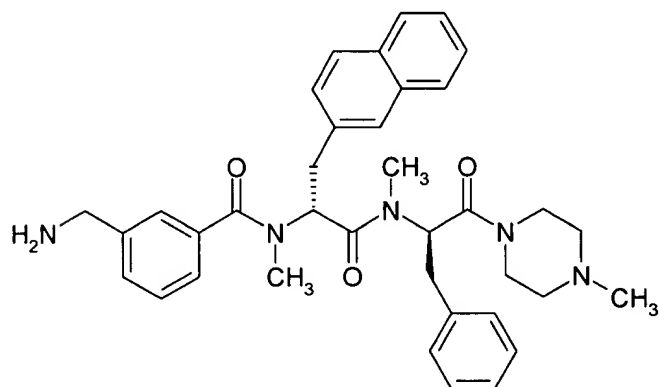
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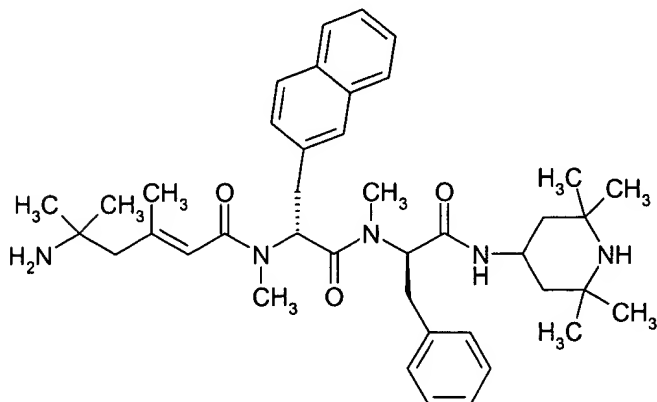
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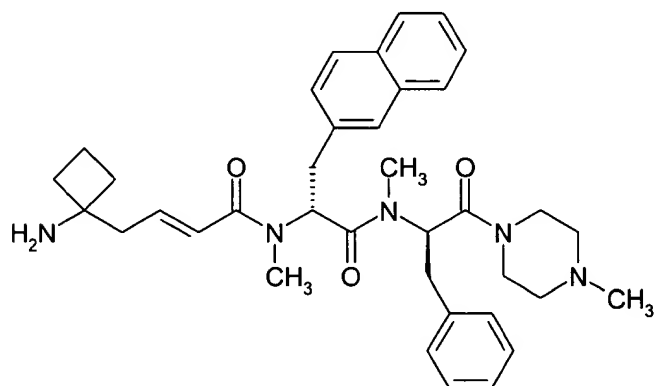
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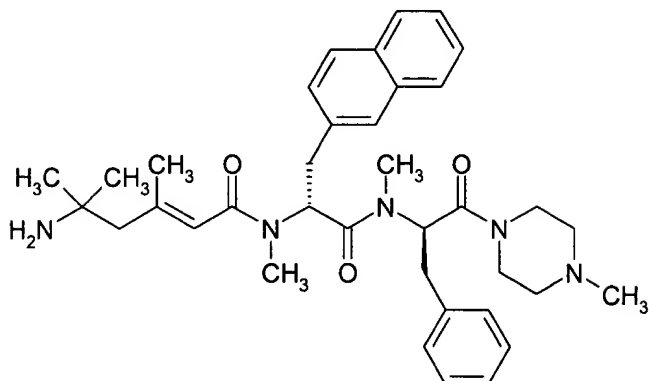
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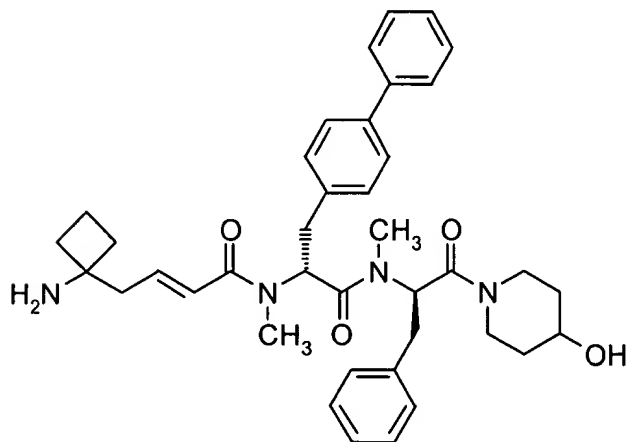
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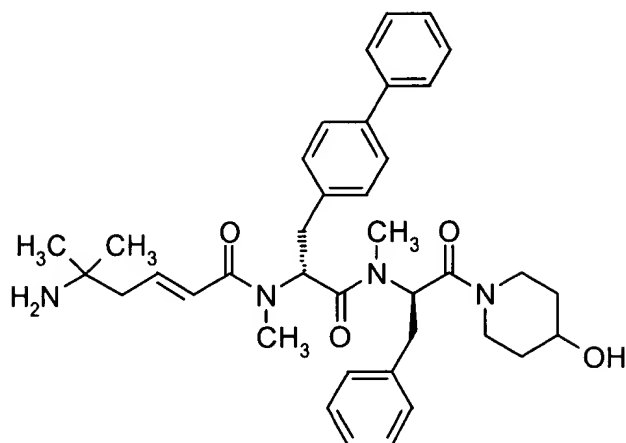
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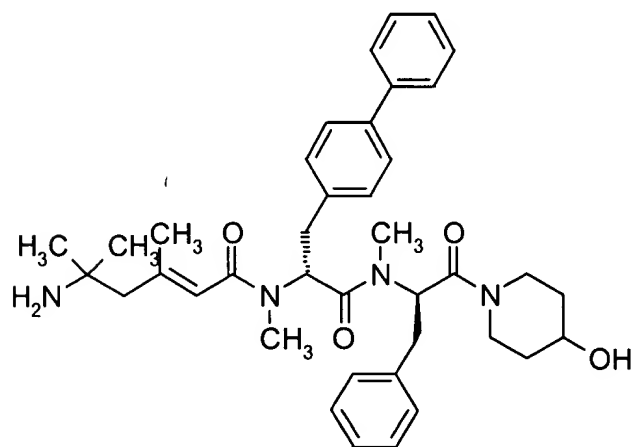
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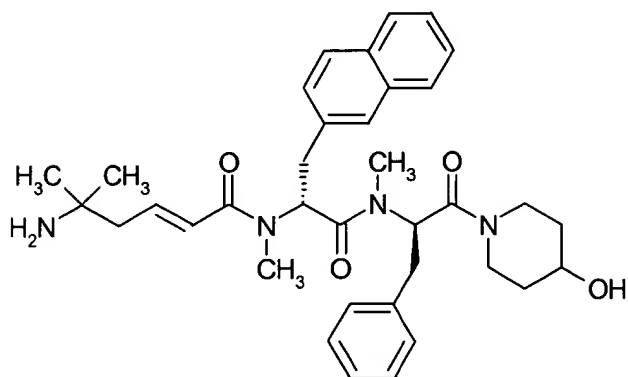
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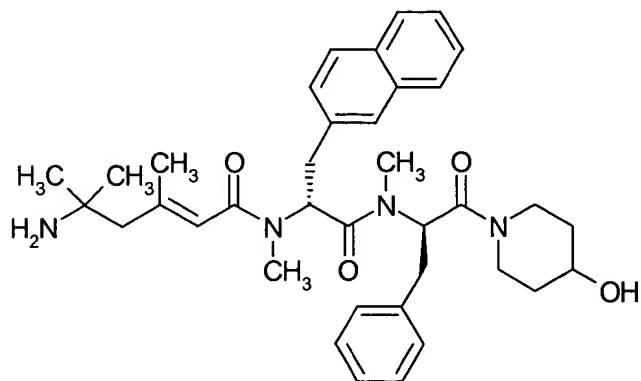
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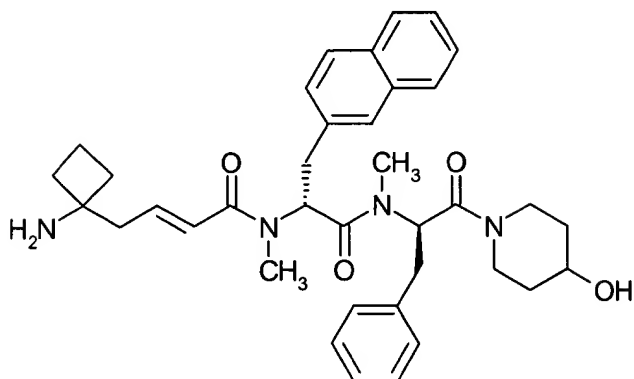
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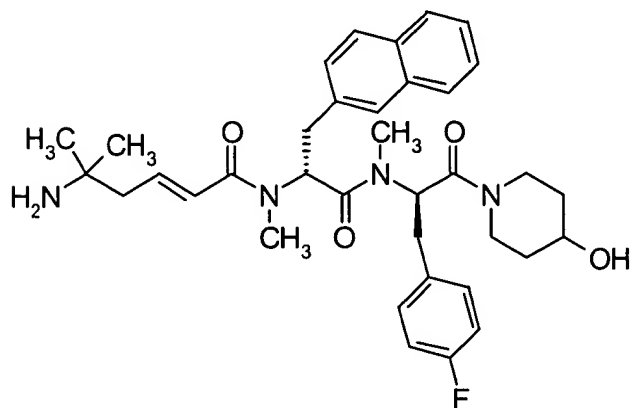
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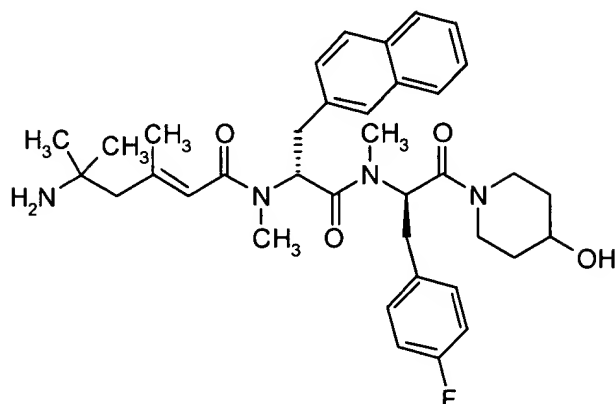
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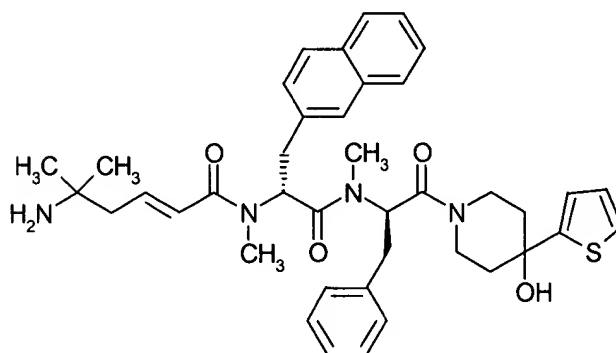
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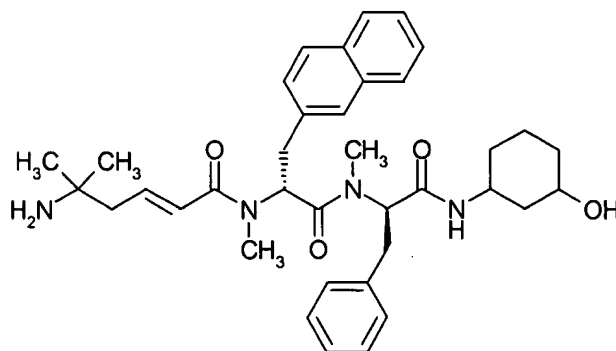
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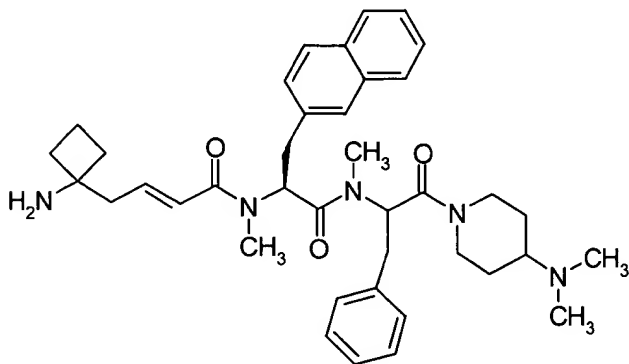
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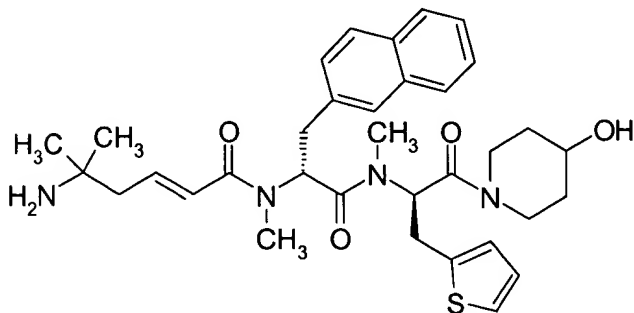
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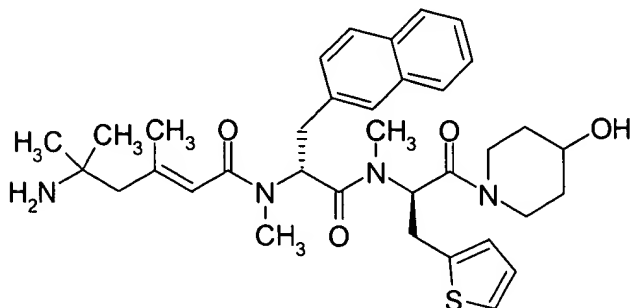
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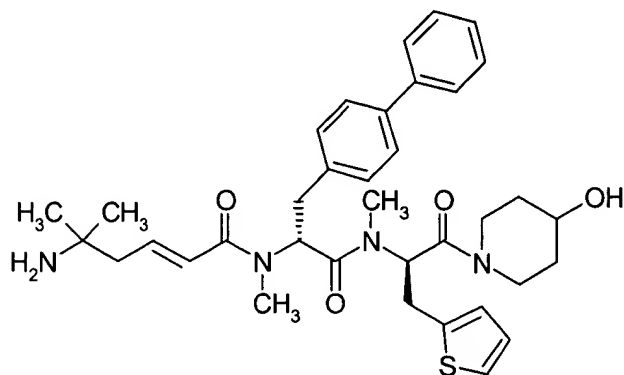
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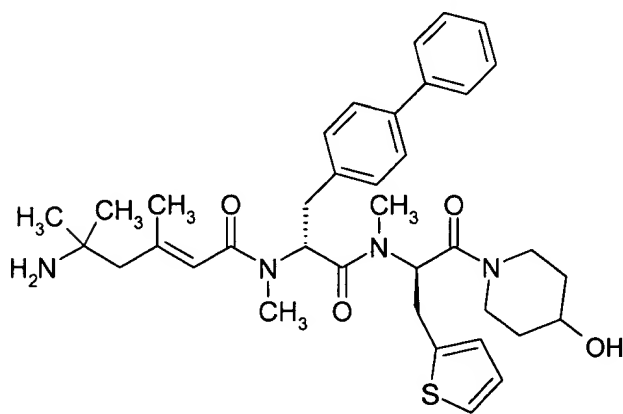
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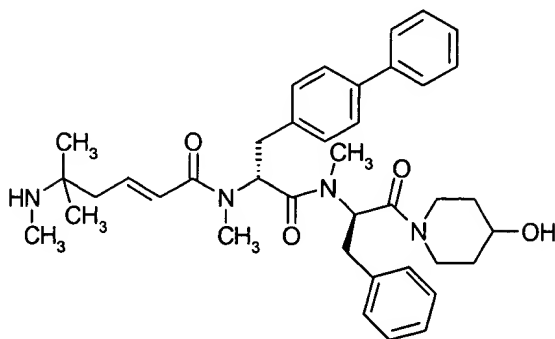
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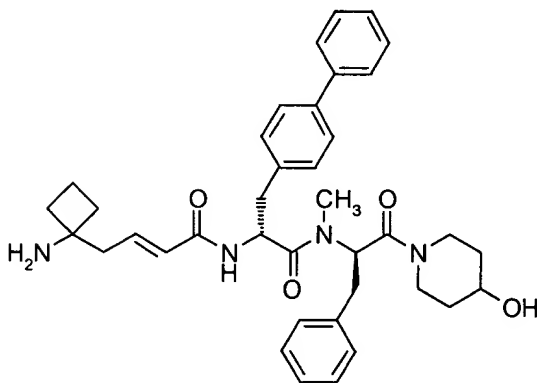
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and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

13. (Withdrawn) A method of treating growth retardation in connection with asthma, the method comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of claim 1.

14. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 13, wherein the compound is a growth hormone secretagogue.

15. (Previously presented) A composition comprising, as an active ingredient, a compound of claim 1 together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

16. (Withdrawn) A method of stimulating the release of growth hormone from the pituitary of a mammal, the method comprising administering to the mammal an effective amount of a compound of claim 1 or a composition of claim 15.

17. (Withdrawn) A method of treating growth retardation in connection with juvenile rheumatic arthritis or systic fibrosis, the method comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a compound of claim 1.

18. (Cancelled)